

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs as follows:

[0021] FIG. 12 is a [perspective view] schematic diagram of an example of a ground fault circuit interrupting (GFCI) device in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention;

[0032] GFCI device 10 is structured and arranged to prevent an initial miswiring of the GFCI. That is, as described in more detail below, prior to shipping the device for use, the [latching]~~locking~~ plate 58 is pressed downward to engage a projection on the back of plunger 52 and makes contact with secondary contacts 62 to thus close the secondary contacts 62. The reset button ~~[[30]]~~34, when depressed, cannot engage with the latching plate 54 via the reset pin 56 and through aperture 55 (See FIGS. 8-10) in the latching plate 54. When the GFCI receptacle 10 is connected to the line side, the secondary contacts power the solenoid 50, causing solenoid plunger 52 to release locking plate 58 and position latching plate 54 so that the reset pin 56 can engage with the edge of the latching plate 54 forming the opening 55 when the reset button 34 is depressed.

[0040] The latching mechanism 46 is structured such that plugins 18 and 20, the face receptacles, are isolated from the line terminals 39 and 40 and the load terminals 37 and 38. Thus if the GFCI 10 is miswired and/or in a tripped position, plugins 18 and 20 will not be powered. A detailed description of the operation of latching mechanism 46 can be found in United States [Provisional] Patent Application Serial No. ~~[60/378,647]~~10/434,101, referenced above. Latching mechanism 46 provides improved safety while maintaining a relatively low level of complexity with regard to conventional approaches.

[0046] The state of the latching mechanism 46 as shown in FIG. ~~[[1]]~~4 indicates that the solenoid 50 has entered the ground fault state, due to depression of the test

button 30 or due to an actual ground fault. However, when the solenoid 50 is not in the ground fault state and the latching mechanism 46 has been properly reset so that latching mechanism 46 is closed a first and second path is created connecting the line terminals 39 and 40 to the load terminals 37 and 38 providing power to a load when the GFCI 10 is powered from the line side.

[0060] FIG. 12 is a perspective view of an example of a ground fault circuit interrupting (GFCI) device in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention. The GFCI 115 does not contain isolated face terminals and performs ground fault detection in a manner known to those skilled in the art and will be discussed with reference to its novelty. The GFCI 115 includes latching plate 153 (See FIG. 13), secondary contacts 162 and a locking plate 157. Latching plate 153 is structured and arranged so that a portion of the latching plate passes through a plunger end 151 (See FIG. 13). The portion of the latching plate 153 passing through the plunger end 151 has a curved end. The curved end of the latching plate 153 allows the plunger end 151 to move the latching plate 153 laterally in the direction of "A" and "B". Proximate its center, latching plate 153 has an aperture 154 to allow reset pin 156 to engage with the latching plate 153 when the reset button 134 is depressed. In a reset prevention state, the latching plate 153 is positioned such that the reset pin 156 freely passes through the latching plate 153.